Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 14 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 15 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Dec 2021 at 03:17 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for damp weather at times on Tuesday. High for a change to dry and settled weather from Thursday onwards.

Headline for Tuesday 14 Dec 2021: Cloudy and windy with rain, mainly in the west

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 14 Dec 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
30%	50%	40%	40%	50%	50%

Forecast for Tuesday 14 Dec 2021

Weather: A cloudy day with extensive low cloud. Outbreaks of rain, briefly preceded by snow on the higher tops, will spread east through the morning. Further rain is expected through the afternoon, this mainly across the west, with Easter Ross, eastern Sutherland and Caithness seeing some drier spells.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance during daylight hours

Visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud below 500 metres for much of the day, but summits may be clear of low cloud around Ben Wyvis may be clear of low cloud at first

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	57/69 SW	54/67 SW	51/67 SW	50/66 SW	48/64 SW	45/61 SW	40/55 SW
900	54/65 SW	49/62 SW	47/63 SW	46/62 SW	44/60 SW	42/58 SW	37/52 SW
600	39/50 SW	34/47 SW	34/49 SW	33/49 SW	31/47 SW	30/46 SW	26/41 SW
300	10/43 SW	8/42 SW	12/45 SW	12/44 SW	12/44 SW	12/42 SW	12/38 SW
Glen	10/27 S	20/43 SW	22/45 SW	21/43 SW	21/43 SW	20/42 SW	18/37 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-0/-11	1/-8	3/-5	4/-4	4/-3	4/-3	4/-3
900	0/-9	2/-7	4/-4	5/-2	5/-2	5/-2	5/-2
600	3/-5	4/-3	6/-0	7/1	7/1	7/2	7/2
300	5/2	5/3	7/4	8/5	8/5	8/6	9/6
Glen	7/4	8/4	9/5	10/6	10/6	11/7	11/8
Freezing Level*	1000m	2300m	2400m	2200m	2200m	2100m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Stormy conditions will make for slow and drenching progress at height. Note rapid increase in freezing level by afternoon.

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Dec 2021

Weather: Low confidence for detail. Cloud and rain will clear away in the early hours. Then daylight hours will be dry with some brightness. Cloud and rain will extend north later in the evening.

Maximum wind: Westerly 20 to 30 mph on the higher tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Summits generally clear good visibility, but some low cloud down to 500 metres early and late.

Temperature:
Glens: Plus 6 rising to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 4 to 7 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits at first, falling to 1200 metres for most of the day. Rising above summits later in the evening.

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